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**Bengaluru Chancellors' Conclave 2022,** by Vijay Karnataka, Bangalore Mirror and AD6 Advertising, is here. Get the lowdown on Saturday. Pictures Page 4

## A smooth ride

CITY PAGE 4

# 'We used construction debris dumped on lakebed to create walkway, soil from desilting to make two islands'

# CITY ZEN

## Citizens salvage 52-acre lake from brink

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Not long ago, spread across a sprawling 52 acres along the Kadathanamale village in North Bengaluru, was a lake that had completely dried up and long forgotten. The area was being used as a dump yard, amidst fear of encroachers.

A group of citizens from a nearby residential layout and adjoining villages, however, took it upon themselves to restore the waterbody from the brink. In a span of a few months, the citizen group — Kadathanamale Community — brought the lake back to life.

"The idea to revive the lake came to me as soon as I moved to the locality a few years ago. The lake is right behind our layout and people had started using it as a dump yard. The waterbody had vanished for so long that we feared any further delay in revival would lead to encroachment of the land. We got in touch with the village panchayat to secure the boundary

> **"Waterbody had vanished for so long that we feared further delay in revival would lead to encroachment...**
> — Anil Kashyap, resident

Lake pictured before restoration

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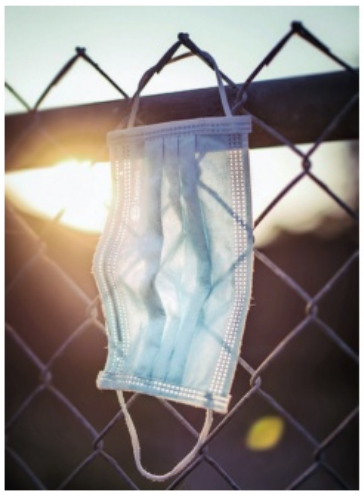
## Rise and fall of covid-19

### Bengaluru's active cases, highest among metros, now plateauing and dropping



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Though the number of active covid-19 cases has been decreasing in Bengaluru, the city still stands first in the number of active cases in metros ahead of New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

Bengaluru's active cases saw a drastic drop in the past ten days nevertheless.

On January 31 there were 1,34,038 active cases reported. The numbers then fell to 1,05,125; a further drop was reported on February 2 at 92,469 cases. February 4 reported 51,645 active cases, while by February 7 the active cases reported were at 35,631. February 9 saw 24,411 active cases. On a 10-day average, active cases dropped by 15.20%.

However, when compared to other metropolitan cities, Bengaluru's active cases stood high. Chennai as on Wednesday was in the second position reporting

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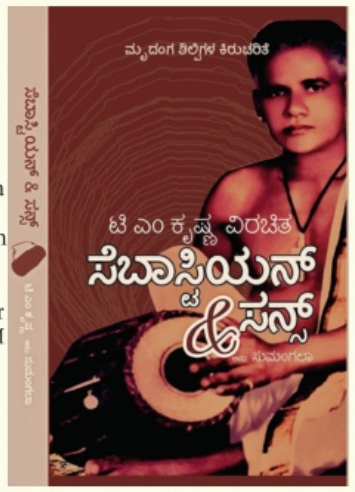
## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 A lit talk




This Sunday Ranga Shankara will hold a literary event titled 'Challenges of Writing and Translation' on TM Krishna's book 'Sebastian and Sons'. Renowned Carnatic singer and author TM Krishna, along with Kannada author and translator Sumangala will be in conversation with Deepa Ganesh, the Executive Director - Centre for Visual and Performing Arts at RV University. The discussion will be followed by an interactive Q&A session between the author and the audience. The event will conclude with a book signing by TM Krishna.
**Where: Ranga Shankara, 2nd Phase, J P Nagar; When: Feb 13, 11:30 am; Entry: Free**

### 02 Retro on your mind?

Let your hair down at this acoustic retro night where musician Jahnavi Bhat will mesmerise you with her tunes. Hailing from a Carnatic background, her music has evolved into an eclectic mix of genres with heavy influences from soul, jazz and soft rock. She has collaborated with various independent artistes for live and playback sessions. She has played guitars for Before the Holocaust, an experimental metal outfit from Chennai. She is the Vocalist for Tatkal the Band.
**Where: The Studs Sports Bar & Grill, JP Nagar Phase 3; When: Feb 11, 8 pm onwards Entry: free, 96206 85031/8867803791**

### 03 Bookworms, unite

Bibliophiles, what are you reading these days? Is there a book or an author that has amazed you recently? Discuss it with like-minded people at this special club for bookworms and share the magic of some wordsmiths who not only influenced us but shaped our lives in some way.
**Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar When: Feb 12, 4-5 pm; Register: 9886294444**

# Film-maker on a quest to confront horrors

## Kamath has curated around 50 movies on genocides and wants to hold a screening to spread awareness on the issue

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From the Holocaust (the remains of a concentration camp in the picture above) to the genocide in Cambodia, Kamath wants the world to remember some of the darkest moments that took place in global history; (below) the Tuol Sleng genocide museum in Cambodia

Bengaluru-based film-maker Ranjan Kamath is planning to hold a film screening on genocides across the globe to address the lack of awareness on the subject.

A film-maker, actor and theatre trainer with three decades of experience under his belt, Kamath wants to hold a film screening on the topic of genocides that have happened across the globe. He has curated 50 movies that narrate stories about genocides from the Armenian genocide (1915) to the ones in Bosnia (1995). According to Kamath, genocides have no ideology and people should witness the inhumanity inflicted by humans on fellow humans.

Titled 'Enough', the film screening -- a call to say no to violence and intolerance in society -- planned by Kamath is a flexible one that could either last 50 days or 50 weeks depending on the reception of the screening. Some of the titles of the movies mentioned in the curated list are Neighbours (1959), Night and Fog (1956) and Garm Hava (1974).

As a theatre trainer, he became aware of the ignorance of the children about the harsh realities of the past. "I realised that children are unaware of the genocides in the 20th century. They don't know about the Holocaust or the Bosnian genocide. This is the failure of the education system that does not teach them about their history. Children must know about the past to understand the present. The film screening has been planned and curated to bridge this gap and educate the citizens, especially the students."

However, the response has not been positive. Kamath's initiatives to bring these conversations to schools, colleges and other forums have been futile for the past five years. "I am willing to give these films to anyone who wants to host these screenings across the country free of cost. After a film screening, experts could talk about the history and could start a conversation. But I have had very few positive responses. A couple of years ago, schools in Shillong and Pune had borrowed these films. Apart from them, no one across the country has responded and this speaks volumes about the insensitivity amongst the society," added Kamath.

Answering the question of whether schools are avoiding screenings as they could be triggering or scarring for students, Kamath wondered if students are going to be scarred by history, how are they going to engage with the present. "Without being aware of their history, history could repeat itself. Would you be rather be scarred by the present or the reality of the present?" he questioned.

Kamath feels that these films are more relevant now than ever. "If the education system is not functioning and the future of our country is not aware of the history and the happenings around them, it is simply a frightening situation, especially with the existence of fake news and WhatsApp University capable of peddling fake histories. The current communal atmosphere is also a result of this lack of education and perpetuation of ignorance for the past 25 years. It's not the fault of one party alone but the fault of the entire society for shielding them from history."

# Cases plateau and drop in Bengaluru

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12,215 active cases, followed by New Delhi with 6,908, Mumbai with 4,783 and Kolkata the least with only 2,567 active cases.

Experts pointed out that though Bengaluru is seeing the highest number of cases amongst other cities, the cases are now plateauing and that is what needs to be considered. "There is a gap of three weeks between Bengaluru and Delhi or Bengaluru and Mumbai. Even when it was peaking there was a gap of three weeks, where cases reported in these cities were high and then later Bengaluru saw an increase. Even when cases decline there will be a gap. This is the natural pattern; cases will not decline simultaneously," said Dr CN Manjunath, member of the state's covid task force and director of Jayadeva Institute Of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

"The positivity rate is less than five percent and the curve is plateauing; however, people with comorbidities need to be cautious. Those who are seeking home isolation, as and when symptoms start to worsen, need to go to the hospital for further treatment and not take it easy and stay home," said Dr Manjunath.

The daily recoveries which were between 10,420 and 35,589 between February 1 and 5, saw a decrease in daily discharges, wherein on February 7, only 6,726 were reported and February 8 saw a slight increase with 8,452 discharges. The following day, again the daily discharges dropped to 4,736. The drop in discharges would have resulted in the higher number of active cases, according to experts.

Dr C Nagaraj, director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) and member of state covid task force, pointed out that hospitalisations have been less than 5% and with many cases mild, there is no reason for worry: "While we saw the first and second waves attacking the lungs, in the third wave it was only the upper respiratory infections, and cases remained mild. However, there would be more cases as the strain is highly transmissible and instead of one member getting infected, all the members at home may be infected. Until they recover and it reflects in the daily health bulletin it will take time. With the severity low, it is not a worry."

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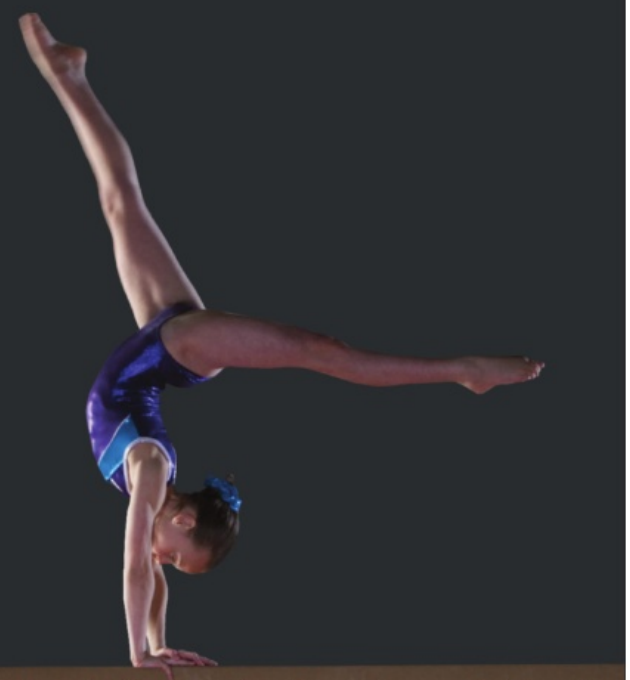

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# A smooth ride on ORR, soon

## Widening of stretch connecting Varthur Road picks up pace, 30% remaining

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Widening of the stretch between Outer Ring Road and Varthur Road, that was taken up to ease vehicular movement, has picked up pace.

As part of the revised master plan (RMP) 2015, the 5.26 km stretch was taken up for widening, however due to land acquisition issues and with the pandemic, the work was delayed. Eight months ago, the work had begun. According to a BBMP official, 70 per cent of it has been completed.

The stretch at Balagere was approximately 40 feet in width; it was taken for widening up to 80 feet, in order to provide a better commute to the residents of Varthur, Gunjur, Balagere and Panathur. Some of the initial works like laying of the roadside drainage network was completed. Now, the BBMP along with Bescom is executing the removal or relocation of 26 electric poles.

The arterial road connects Outer Ring Road at Kadubesanahalli to Balagere and SH-35. The residents pointed out that people staying in Varthur, Gunjur and Belgare use the stretch frequently to commute to their workplaces on the ORR. This leads to traffic congestion during peak hours as the road was narrow.

The BBMP along with Bescom is executing the removal and relocation of 26 electric poles on the stretch

**"Some owners of the shops and buildings were not willing to give up their land. Now, most of the land has been acquired** – A BBMP official

After widening of the stretch, one can expect free movement of traffic. "This road, once widened, will be a major benefit for people residing near the Outer Ring Road at Panathur and Belagere. Parts of the road being dug up will be relaid and asphalted, which will provide safer commute to the public. Initially due to the onset of covid pandemic, the work had halted and when it resumed, it was moving at a slow place. However, now, the work is progressing fast," said Clement Jaykumar, Secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force.

BBMP officials also pointed out that initially there were certain land acquisition problems which had delayed the project. "Some owners of the shops and buildings across the stretch were not willing to give up their land. However, after many meetings and discussions, they approved and most of the land has been acquired. There are still two-three problems from landowners, whose lands need to be acquired," said a BBMP official.

BBMP Executive Engineer Jayshankar Reddy said, "It is a new formation of road. The Panathur Railway Underpass continues to be a traffic congestion spot and we are working with the Railways to expedite the installation of the second underpass at the location. This would ease the traffic movement."

# Traffic cop in soup over foul language

A viral video of a traffic police sub inspector verbally abusing a biker has landed the cop in trouble. After the biker uploaded the video on social media, a charged memorandum has been issued to the city traffic PSI on Thursday, charging him with indiscipline for using foul language during an altercation with a biker on Tuesday.

Traffic PSI, H Chandrashekhar of Vijya Nagar traffic police station was on traffic enforcement duty when he confronted a biker riding with shrill sound and riding without helmet on Vijayanagar Main Road.

When the PSI checked with the biker, he found out that he had a Rs 2,500 fine due. The biker refused to pay the fine and an argument started between the two when the biker started to record a video of the PSI speaking on his mobile. The PSI, who got irritated by this, tried to stop him and while dodging him, the biker sustained scratch injuries on his neck.

After the public intervened and pacified the two, the biker paid the partial amount of the fine and left, but however, he uploaded the video on social media alleging that he had been attacked by traffic police.

The video went viral on Wednesday when the DCP, Traffic West, Kuldeep Kumar Jain ordered a probe and questioned the people who were present at the spot and concluded that the PSI had not assaulted, as "falsely" depicted, but used foul language.

Jain issued a charged memo, seeking a reply and based on the reply, necessary action will be taken.

— BMB

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE LXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-64)**

**P & S.C No. 755/2021**

**Between: 1) Ramesh Madhav Sirsi**, S/o Madhav Ramachandra Rao Sirsi, aged about 73 years, Currently R/at, #6254, Paseo Elegancia, Carlsbad, CA 92009, USA.

**2) Vinay Sirsi,** S/o late Suresh Chandra Sirsi, aged about 48 years, R/at #5, 5th Main Road, 12th Block, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560020. **3) Deepa Sirsi,** D/o late Suresh Chandra Sirsi, aged about 47 years, Currently Residing #5703, Arrow Point Drive, Plano, TX 75093, USA. ...**Petitioners -V/s-**

**RESPONDENTS: Nil**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IN PETITION UNDER THE INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT 1925**

Whereas the petitioners named above have a filed petition for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the second petitioner for succession pertaining to shares invested by the deceased **Smt. Suvarna Madhav Sirsi** who died on **25.04.2007** at Bengaluru. petitioner No.1 is son, petitioner No.2 is the grand son and petitioner No.3 is the grand daughter of the deceased.

**SCHEDULE**

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Notice is issued in the name of General Public that in case anybody has any objection for the grant of succession certificate, he/she can appear before this court on 03.03.2022, being the next date of hearing, failing which the petition shall be decided in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 07.02.2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court Bangalore.

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## Towards a better education system

Top educationists brainstormed on a range of issues related to the education sector at Bengaluru Chancellors Conclave 2022. Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan inaugurated the event on Thursday. The conclave is an initiative of Vijay Karnataka, Bangalore Mirror and AD6 Advertising. The full coverage will be available in our Saturday's edition.

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### Fill the cave

**Hongasandra**

A portion of road in Hongasandra has caved in and pieces of stone slabs lie on the damaged area, posing danger for pedestrians and commuters. The area needs to be properly restored.

### Stinky path

**Mallathahalli**

People have been using a stretch alongside a pavement in Mallathahalli as a dump yard. Authorities need to act on this issue and an alternative garbage pit has to be made to avoid people from dirtying the place again.

# Impersonator who took on a weighty role

## Metrology Dept Inspector complains against 2, of which one was posing as her

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A 53-year-old woman inspector with the Legal Metrology Department in Rajajinagar sub-division has filed a complaint against two persons including a woman for impersonating as inspectors from the department and allegedly taking money and other benefits from whoever approached them for giving equipments of weights and measurements for servicing and maintenance.

Based on the complaint of K Pushpavathi, the Mahalakshmi Layout police have taken up a case against one Ravindra and Priyadarshini booking the two under IPC sections of 353 - assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty, 506 - criminal intimidation, 504 - intentional insult and 429 - cheating by impersonation and are on the lookout for two who are absconding according to the police.

K Pushpavathi who works as an inspector with the Legal Metrology Department, in her complaint to the police stated that the accused Ravindra who runs a servicing and maintenance firm under the name of Swamy Scales in Pattegarapalya, had obtained due license from the Legal Metrology Department and that his firm would be responsible for checking and repairing calibrations and servicing equipments of weights and measurements and also carries out maintenance of such equipment in a periodic basis.

Everything was going on well until inspector Pushpavathi received information that some woman named Priyadarshini was using her name and was allegedly taking money and other benefits from traders and customers who approached the firm for servicing and maintenance of their weighing scale equipment. Pushpavathi immediately contacted Ravindra and inquired who this Priyadarshini was, and reprimanded him that such things should not happen in the future. On February 5, around 11 am, Priyadarshini along with Ravindra came to the Legal Metrology Department office in Rajajinagar 1st sub-division in Laggere near Kempegowda Layout and started threatening the inspector that she would end her life after writing down that the inspector is responsible for her death. When Pushpavathi tried to talk to the two, they allegedly created a ruckus at her office. The inspector then approached the Mahalakshmi Layout police and filed a complaint. "Based on the inspector's complaint, we have registered a case and are investigating," said a senior police officer.

Firm responsible for servicing weights and measures equipment in the dock

### Yet another elderly couple murdered at their home

A 77-year-old cloth merchant and his 66-year-old wife were bludgeoned to death at their house in Sidlaghatta, 64 km from here, in Chikkaballapura on Wednesday night. The deceased have been identified as Srinivasulu and his homemaker wife Padmavathy, the police said. The couple used to live in their own house while their two daughters had moved to Bengaluru after marriage.

According to the police, the murder took place late in the night and the accused have gained entry into the house through a ventilator space and attacked the couple with blunt objects and escaped presumably from the backdoor. While Srinivasalu was found dead in the bathroom, his wife was found dead lying in a pool of blood in the living room of the house, the police said. The assailant/s had ransacked the house and the missing valuables would be known only after the detailed investigation, a senior police officer said. The police suspect that someone known to the couple had recceed the house and committed the murder. The police are probing in multiple angles including murder for gain, property, personal and other suspicious reasons. The murder came to light when the domestic help came to the house around 10 am and went inside from backdoor after the couple did not respond when she knocked. Senior police officials including Superintendent of Police Mithun Kumar visited the spot and supervised the investigations. "We have formed four teams and are probing the double murder in all the angles possible. We have definite clues," Mithun Kumar said.

## Blood on the dance floor

CRIME FILES

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A 21-year-old woman has filed a complaint with the Koramangala police after three women attacked her with a beer bottle inside a pub in Koramangala on Tuesday night.

Christina (name changed), a resident of Doddabommasandra and a final-year student has filed a complaint against the three women also aged between 21 and 23 years. She said that on Tuesday night, she had gone to a pub with two friends. They were about to return home around 11 pm when the incident took place. "We had gone there to grab a bite and did not drink alcohol. We had ordered takeaway and were waiting for them to hand it over. We thought of going to the dance floor for a bit, when a woman walked in and pushed me and my friend away. She was drunk and was on her way towards the bar," Christina said. According to her, the woman picked up a fight with them and abused her. "She pulled me and scratched me on my hands and pushed me to the ground. She picked up a broken beer bottle from the floor and attacked me. I sustained a deep cut on my leg. Her friends too abused me," she said.

She said her friend was also pushed around. "As I was trying to get up, she picked up a beer bottle and broke it on my head. I did not expect her to behave so violently. She was a complete stranger who picked a fight with me for no reason. My head started to bleed and I couldn't get up. I had sustained a deep cut on my forehead and the pub staff and the bouncers, instead of helping me, were trying to secure her and were covering her. They took her to the restroom and asked her to stay inside while I was bleeding outside. She and her friends couldn't even walk and were struggling to stand in one place," she said.

She said that she alerted the police who rushed to the spot and she filed a complaint with them after getting the first aid treatment.

Koramangala Police have registered a case. The three accused women were later arrested.

# Branch fall: Girl who was in coma for 2 yrs dies

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A nine-year-old girl who was in coma for nearly two years after a dried up branch of a tree fell on her head on TC Palya main road, succumbed to her injuries on Thursday after battling for her life for 700 days.

Rachel Prisha was heading to school on March 11, 2020, on a two-wheeler with her father when the incident took place in KR Puram police station limits. The police had taken up a negligence case against the BBMP officials.

According to the hospital, she was initially treated in a nearby hospital and referred to Manipal Hospital for further care.

Her condition was critical at the time of presentation to MHB and she was managed in the Paediatric ICU.

She was stabilised after multiple neurosurgical procedures and prolonged medical management in ICU. Later she was shifted to a high dependency unit where she underwent intensive neurorehabilitation treatment. Even with the best of the care, her recovery was very poor and she continued to be in a persistent vegetative state.

She was completely dependent on care givers for all her activities of daily living. Her stay in the hospital was complicated by multiple episodes of severe sepsis and repeated ICU admissions. She recently developed severe chest infection and sepsis.

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

### VACCINATIONS DIDN'T FORCE PLAYERS OUT OF OZ EVENT

**THE CLAIM**

After the whole fracas involving Novak Djokovic at the Australian Open, posts on Twitter a claim that three players -- Nikoloz Basilashvili, Dalila Jakupovic, and Nick Kyrgios -- were forced to drop out of the tournament due to breathing issues that some of the reports implied were because they had received covid-19 vaccination.

**SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?**

According to a fact check by the CNN, the claims that these three players dropped out of the Australian Open are false. Basilashvili was defeated by Andy Murray in a January 12 match, and Kyrgios lost to Daniil Medvedev on January 20. The CNN reports says while Basilashvili had some breathing trouble at an earlier match in Sydney, and Kyrgios tested positive for covid a week before the Australian Open, there was nothing to suggest that vaccines had caused them respiratory difficulties.

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### Forget about speeding, please go after the laggards

BM's story 'Thou shall not speed' has elicited a response from a reader named Pradeep. Instead of checking speeding, the police (and the NICE authorities) should check the truckers who use all lanes, go parallel to each other, at a snail's pace. Trucks should be limited to the left lane, giving cars and faster vehicles the freedom to use the right lanes. One often has to weave in and out of traffic to "overtake" these lumbering, slow, arrogant behemoths. NICE Road is not meant to be just another road - it is a high speed bypass to the city, and should be used thus. Also, the interceptors are just another way of the cops harassing the motorists - a 1 kmph increase of speed limit (viz., 81 kmph) does not constitute speeding, or rash driving. The cops regularly stop people who do just a kmph over the limit, to impose fines.

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# High schools to resume on Monday

## No religious symbols will be allowed at institutions 'for now': HC

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In the first phase, the State Government has permitted reopening of high-schools (8th to 10th standard) from Monday. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "After this, we will take a call on reopening the PU colleges in the second phase. The date has not been decided yet. On Friday, we will hold a video conference with the education department officials and also deputy commissioners to take a stock of the situation. Then we will take a call on the whole issue for restarting the colleges. We will be in constant touch with the officials and ministers on the whole issue." Earlier, the State Government had declared a three-day holiday for high schools and colleges, which was to end on Friday.

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday ruled that no religious symbols will be allowed for students until its final order, thus barring both hijab and saffron shawls on school and college premises.

Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, who is heading a three-judge bench hearing the matter, said: "Peace has to return to the State. Schools and colleges must reopen soon. Until the final order is given, students must attend the schools in uniform without hijab or saffron shawls."

Activist Vatal Nagaraj (centre) on Thursday stage a protest in Mysuru, accusing BJP of supplying saffron scarves in Karnataka

> **"After this, we will take a call on reopening PU colleges in the second phase. The date has not been decided yet**
>
> –Basavaraj Bommai, CM

The orders have been given orally and written orders are yet to be issued. "We will hear the matter every day and issue orders soon," CJ Awasthi said.

The bench, which also comprises Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice Khaji Jaibunnesa Mohiyuddin, declined, at this stage, the arguments of petitioners seeking orders to the government for allowing students to wear hijab to classrooms. Earlier, while hearing the arguments, the Chief Justice Advocate General Prabhuling Navadagi to reopen schools in the state. "See to it that no problem surfaces," he stated.

Amid tensions, the state government on Tuesday announced a three-day holiday for schools and colleges. During the hearing, senior counsel Sanjay Hegde, appearing for a petitioner, submitted that the Karnataka government has no right to frame rules on uniform, as per the 1983 Karnataka Education Act.

The rules on uniform can be framed by the College Development Committee (CDC) and School Development and Management Committee (SDMC), he maintained.

Hegde said: "How judicious it is to force prohibitions on hijab... if prohibitions are clamped for the public interest, it is tenable. A medical student was allowed to write examinations wearing hijab in 2015 as per the court orders. Wearing of dress comes under Article 19 (1) of the Constitution. The Supreme Court decision in the Divya Yadav case discussed the right to wear dresses of their choice."

As per Article 25 (1), wearing of hijab is a religious right. Sikhs are permitted to carry a dagger and are given exemptions from wearing helmets, he added. "The girl students can't be made to sit on roads. Karnataka state contributes highest taxes to the Central government. Most startups come up here and these developments will bring disrepute to the state. Discrimination should not be made on the basis of clothes, colour and religion," the counsel argued.

The petitioners arguing for hijab stated that there is no harm in students wearing it. Hijab is a fundamental right and it does not cause any problem to others, and so, they should be allowed to wear hijab of the same colour as their uniform, they said.

**(With inputs from agencies)**

# Hampi monuments not safe from treasure-hunters

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Once the rich and prosperous Vijayanagar Kingdom, the Hampi area is believed to be hiding its wealth in its monuments. This became an easy target for treasure-hunters in Hampi, which is now a World Heritage Site.

Treasure-hunters have been disfiguring monuments of Hampi for a while. They dig up the places in search of treasure. This creates severe damage to the historical monuments. Tourists and the public are expressing their displeasure for non-action by the government.

Treasure-hunters believe that the kings, when they attacked another kingdom, looted the treasure by destroying the temples of the region. The hunters believe that temples may have hidden treasures. They usually work on new moon nights. They target monuments which are not protected. They even tried to loot the treasure in Virupaksheshwara Temple.

Very recently, treasure hunters dug up a Jain temple, situated on the way to Vijaya Vittala temple near Sriramanagara. Recently, there were also reports of black magic practice in the area. The place is situated near the police Station and the Archeological Department.

The CCTV cameras at the monuments are not properly working.

In 2012, the Malyavantha Gali Gopura was destroyed. In 2009, Kamalapura Gyaribavi temple's Ganesh idol was stolen followed by the theft of Bharamappa Gundu in 2010. In 2008, treasure-hunters disfigured the idols of Gejjala Mantapa and Saraswathi Mantapa.

Deputy Director of the Archeological department G Prahlad said, "We have requested the police to take action. As the Archeological department has insufficient staff, it is very difficult to protect the monuments".

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# BBMP removes flex banners

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The BBMP has finally woken up to the flex menace in the city. On Thursday, BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta instructed the officials to remove all flexes in the city. The BBMP personnel have started removing the flex banners. Teams have been formed under the leadership of jurisdictional engineers in all the eight zones to remove flex banners. On Thursday alone, around 1,200 flex banners were removed.

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As per BBMP outdoor signage and public messaging bylaws 2018, advertisements in front of shops, own advertisement on vehicles and other such small advertisements are permissible for limited period and limited dimension. Excluding these, displaying billboards of commercial establishments, LED advertisement in residential areas, private properties are banned, along with public as well as individual advertisements.

Bangalore Mirror
Weird flex, not okay

BM on Feb 8 had reported that BBMP was embarking on this drive

While the BBMP stated that many people still tend to break rules repeatedly and this has disrupted smooth flow of traffic. This is detrimental to aesthetic beauty of the city, besides it could even be fatal to the environment. "If such unauthorised display is formed in public places, the concerned person will be penalised and such banners will be immediately removed. An FIR will be lodged against such offenders and legal disciplinary action will be taken," Gupta said.

SPORTS

# Max Purcell: Melbourne Park to Cubbon Park

## Australian tennis star, who has been in action around the world on the ATP tour is in the city

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Max Purcell at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on January 29

Australians watched him in action. The World watched him live on TV as he battled it out in an all-Australian men's doubles final in the Australian Open. Tennis buffs in Bengaluru now have the opportunity of watching him in action in their backyard. Ladies and Gentlemen, Max Purcell for you.

At just 23 years of age, Max Purcell has figured in all tennis majors and has been in action in tournaments around the world on the ATP Tour. From the AO (Australian Open) in Melbourne Park, he has landed right into the BO (Bengaluru Open) in Cubbon Park here without much fanfare. On January 29, 2022, he was the toast of Australia and the jam-packed arena as two pairs of Australians battled it out for men's doubles supremacy in the AO. Purcell and his partner Matthew Ebden took on Nick Kyrgios and Thanasi Kokkinakis but lost 5-7, 4-6. He also represented Australia in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in singles and doubles as well. Purcell now has a singles ranking of 173 and a doubles ranking of 31. Purcell was in Bengaluru and won the doubles title in 2018.

In a chat, Purcell shed more light on the fantastic Australian Open tournament and other issues. Excerpts:

**● Your impressions of the Australian Open men's doubles final?**

■ It was great to be out there. I was in the final in 2020 too but it was much bigger this year. Disappointing not to win that one. But this year was something special as both the finalists were from Australia. The atmosphere was great and the crowd got involved.

**● With two pairs of Australians battling it out, you think it was the best day in Australian tennis?**

■ Well, Australian tennis has a very long and rich history. We have had many champions in the past. Ashleigh winning was great. The doubles is only a sideshow, it is the singles that matter. Yes, it was a very good day for Australian tennis and the best in recent times more so as i was involved.

**● Did the atmosphere in the stadium affect your performance?**

■ Not really, We were getting cheered on as much as they were. It was great to play out there. We also had our share of support and we did our best. The crowd got much involved, as I said and it only raised the bar. We had our chances and we lost out very narrowly. I would not say our performance was in any way affected by the huge crowd.

**● Your thoughts on Nick Kyrgios?**

■ Nick is a fantastic player and personality. He does things his own way and he did very well. He has the ability to get the crowds in. If Nick plays, people are out to watch him or are in front of their television sets. His on court behaviour was superb. But at times the crowd responding to him was not good.

**● How do you find the weather and playing conditions here?**

■ Yes, it was quite different. Coming straight down here from Melbourne and playing was tough. Here you are at a higher altitude and playing on an entirely different surface. You have to adjust your game accordingly and it is a different type of tennis. It would have been nice if these two tournaments were starting next week.

**● Your plans for the future?**

■ Well, I am going to play the Masters and Grand Slam doubles and try to sneak in through the qualifying for the singles. I am now 23, and I've got about the next seven years or so and I will concentrate on singles.

**● Apart from the number of titles, who would you say is the best player - Federer, Nadal or Djokovic?**

■ I have always been a great fan of Roger. They have their own special qualities and I can't pick just one of them, We are blessed to have the three of them together in our game.

**● How long will they stay on top?**

■ Well, I don't know about Roger. Rafa may be this year and the next. Novak for another three to four years.

# Five to watch out for in IPL auction

#NEW DELHI

Some of the world's top cricketers will be among 590 players in the two-day auction for the big-bucks Indian Premier League this weekend.

AFP sport looks at five stars who could attract massive fees when the 10 franchises -- including two new ones -- place their bids in Bengaluru ahead of the Twenty20 tournament due to start in late March. And they are: David Warner; Anrich Nortje; Kagiso Rabada; Shah Rukh Khan; Jason Holder.

Warner, the swashbuckling opener silenced his critics last year with his key role in Australia's maiden T20 World Cup triumph following a poor IPL season with Sunrisers Hyderabad.

But the left-hand batsman, who scored 289 runs in the World Cup, remains one of the 10 marquee players in the mega auctions -- with a base price of $267,000 -- and is expected to trigger a bidding war.

Shah Rukh Khan hit a last-ball six in domestic T20 competition to seal a win for his state Tamil Nadu

Holder, 30, who has a base price of $200,540, top-scored with 57 in his team's opening ODI against India, albeit in a losing cause, and will be on the radar of the IPL teams to fill their all-rounder slot.

The 6-foot-6 Holder has had stints with Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata in the lucrative league, but the upcoming auction could be his big payday.

He shares his name with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who owns IPL's Kolkata team, but his explosive batting talent could drive him cricketing stardom.

Rabada, 26, remains one of the few genuine pace bowlers in world cricket and seems to justify his base price of $267,000, with teams expected to shell out big bucks for him.

He worked up a fiery Delhi attack with fellow South African quick Anrich Nortje, who has been retained by the franchise, who could dig deep into their pockets to get the combo back. —AFP

# Lost lake comes alive

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and put up the fence in the midst of the pandemic itself. The idea was to revive it and secure it as a green area," said Anil Kashyap, a resident, who played the key role in mobilising resources and vital support for the restoration.

A plan based on a crowdfunded model was devised and financial help started pouring in from the residents, friends and families. There were other key players involved: for instance, the community received all the heavy machinery for the work from the local panchayat free-of-cost.

### The revival

While the lake area had a lot of waste dumped there, the idea was to minimise the waste generated in the process.

"A lot of construction debris was dumped on the lakebed. We wanted to minimise waste; we used the debris to create layers for the walkway around the lake. We also used the soil from desilting to create two islands in the waterbody. One is for recreational purposes, while the other is exclusively for birds. It took about 45 days of work by two big earthmovers working round the clock to prepare the lakebed," said Deepak Kamath, another member of Kadathanamale Community. While the lakebed was being cleared of the construction debris and garbage, hundreds of eucalyptus trees in the surrounding area emerged as a matter of concern.

"There were a lot of eucalyptus trees along the road adjacent to the lake area. This tree species is known as water guzzler; we were also aware of the government's guidelines on eucalyptus plantation. There were some other invasive tree species that had to be removed too. We cleared the area of over 100 eucalyptus trees and other invasive tree species. However, care was taken to retain native species of trees," said Vidya Devanathan, another member of the community.

For every tree cut, the Kadathanamale Community decided to plant a hundred trees in and around the waterbody. "Many NGOs came forward to help us with the plantation process and provided some saplings. As of now, there are about 3,500 native tree species planted here," said Kamath.

According to community members, one of the main drivers behind the restoration is the depleting groundwater in the area. Locals said the water table in and around the area is at a minimum of 700-1000 feet below the ground; they are hoping that the rejuvenation work will bring up the water table.

### Future plans

Since the lake has been brought back to life recently, it is a wait and watch situation for the community till they figure out the impact of summer months on the waterbody.

"We will have to wait and watch to see if it dries up during the summer. However, we are in talks with the local MLA to bring water from the sewage treatment plant in Yelahanka. Treated water is already being fed into many lakes in the surrounding areas, including the Singanayakanahalli Lake. In case we are unable to bring water exclusively, we will use water overflow from the lakes upstream," said Kashyap. Post restoration, a bird survey was also conducted, and the results were encouraging.

"A resident student did a bird survey in and around the lake and quite a lot of species were documented. Although it is too early to attribute this to lake revival, we are hoping it will help animals and birds in the area to thrive and provide them a safe heaven," said Sudhir K, another member of the lake revival group.

The community is now gearing up for the next round of work and to wrap up the project. "Another round of desilting is required to level the lakebed so that more water can be retained. We also plan to put up park lights and build an open-air theatre for schoolchildren. The idea is to educate the next generation about the importance of conservation and to get communities in the area involved," said Kashyap.

The Kadathanamale Community has appointed a gardener for the upkeep of the waterbody and surrounding area. A total area of 52 acres has been revived with the water body occupying 40 acres.

# No 7-day quarantine for international travellers to India

## Travellers from 82 countries will only have to self-monitor their health for 14 days after arrival

The operations Travellers arriving in India won't have to undergo a mandatory seven-day home quarantine or an RT-PCR test on the eighth day from February 14, according to revised guidelines for international arrivals issued on Thursday. There will be a random sampling of 2 per cent of International travellers from all countries on arrival.

They can give their samples and will be allowed to leave the airport after that, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Twitter. Instead of the seven-day home quarantine mandated earlier, all travellers will self-monitor their health for 14 days after their arrival, he said while detailing the relaxation in curbs for international arrivals.

Apart from uploading a negative RT-PCR report (taken 72 hours before the journey), there will be an option to upload certificates of the completion of full primary Covid vaccination schedule provided from countries on a reciprocal basis.

The ministry provided a list of 82 such countries. These include the US, UK, New Zealand, Switzerland , Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Bangladesh, Iran, Nepal, Mexico and the Netherlands. The demarcation of countries 'at-risk' and other countries has been removed. Accordingly, the need for giving samples on port of arrival and waiting till the result is obtained from countries 'at-risk' has been dispensed with.

NATION

"Need for undertaking RT-PCR test on 8th day & uploading the same on Air Suvidha portal is dispensed with," Mandaviya tweeted. "Guidelines to come in effect from 14th February... Follow these diligently, stay safe & strengthen India's hands in the fight against #COVID19." the minister said. Passengers found to be symptomatic during screening after arrival shall be immediately isolated and taken to a medical facility in accordance with health protocol. If tested positive, their contacts shall be identified and managed as per laid down protocol.

Passengers seen at the Nagpur airport

If such travellers test positive, their samples should be further sent for genomic testing at the INSACOG laboratory network and they will be treated/isolated in accordance with standard protocol, the guidelines state. International travellers arriving through seaports/land ports will have to undergo the same protocol, except that the facility for online registration is not available for such passengers currently.

Children under five years are exempted from both pre- and post-arrival testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during the period of self-monitoring period, they shall undergo testing and treated as per laid down protocol, the guidelines state. India logged 67,084 new coronavirus infections, taking the country's total tally of COVID-19 cases to 4,24,78,060, while the active cases declined to 7,90,789, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday.

The death toll climbed to 5,06,520 with 1,241 fresh fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The daily new Covid cases recorded in the country have been below 1 lakh for four consecutive days. – PTI

# Bids on WikiLeaks' Assange fundraising NFT surpass $50 mn

A supporter of Julian Assange during a protest against his extradition to the US outside the High Court in London

An online auction of digital art to raise money towards WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's legal defence saw bids reach more than $50 million on Wednesday.

Assange is battling extradition from Britain to the United States where the authorities want him to face trial on 18 criminal charges including breaking a spying law, after WikiLeaks began to publish thousands of secret classified files and diplomatic cables in 2010.

WORLD

Last month, Assange, who remains in a London prison, was given the chance to challenge approval of his extradition at Britain's highest court. The Supreme Court will now decide whether or not to hear his case.

Assange collaborated with a crypto artist known as Pak to sell a collection of NFTs (non-fungible tokens) called Censored in an online auction from Feb. 7-9 to help raise funds to support his case.

NFTs are a kind of crypto asset that uses blockchain to record the ownership status of digital files such as images, videos and even items within online games. The centrepiece of the auction is an NFT artwork, Clock, that displays the number of days Assange has been imprisoned in white text on a black background. It updates each day.

Bids on the Clock NFT were at 16,593 ether, which is worth just under $52 million, as of 1115 GMT on Wednesday.

The bid was placed by Assange supporters who formed a group called AssangeDAO to bid collectively on the NFT.

A Decentralised Autonomous Organisation (DAO) is a sort of online community which allows members to pool their money and use blockchain-based tokens to vote on decisions about how it is run.

The AssangeDAO raised 17,422 of the cryptocurrency ether - around $54.6 million - since Feb. 2, according to the crowdfunding website Juicebox. More than 10,000 people contributed to the fundraise.

"This is tens of thousands of people coming together to show real strength - the Power of the People," AssangeDAO community lead Joshua Bate said in a Discord post announcing the bid. "In less than one week, we have shown that decentralised and distributed peoples can band together to fight injustice."

Proceeds from the sale of Clock will go to support Assange's legal defence, the group said. – Reuters

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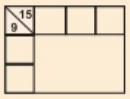
## SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

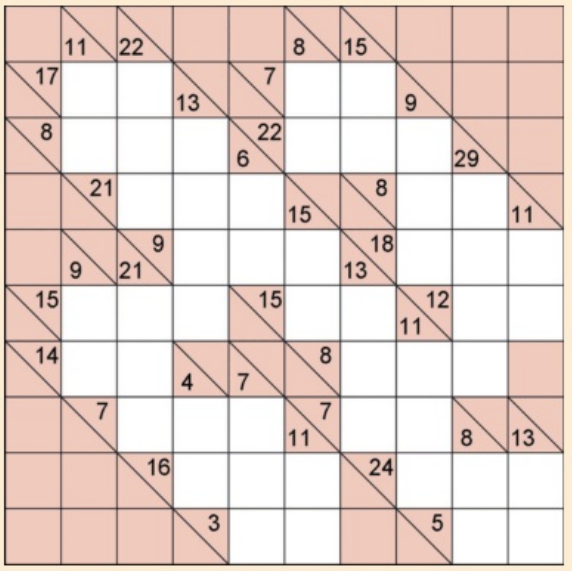
What is the probability of 3 single-digit prime number integers appearing when 3 fair die are rolled simultaneously?

## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.




Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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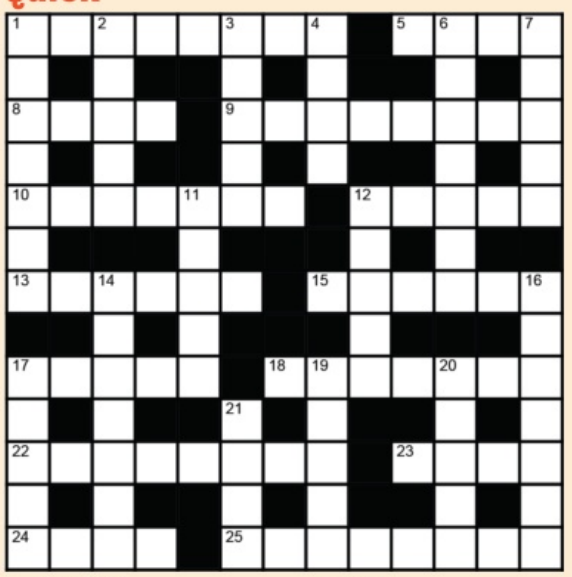


**ACROSS**

1 Containing most sugar (8)
5 Inactive (4)
8 Preposition (4)
9 Maker of pistols or fire arms (8)
10 Insisted on and obtained (7)
12 Drains slowly (5)
13 Wound (6)
15 Gambles (6)
17 Searches thoroughly (5)
18 Ex-India President Dr. Zakir ___ (7)
22 Discloses (8)
23 Cut down (4)
24 ___ down : demolished? (4)
25 Reverie (8)

**DOWN**

1 Actress who passed away in February 2018 (7)
2 Bit player (5)
3 Bird of prey (5)
4 Melody (4)
6 A light shower (7)
7 Attitude, beliefs (5)
11 Periods of time at school (5)
12 Precious stones (5)
14 Restaurant at the Leela Place (7)
16 Thesaurus entry (7)
17 Junior trainee (5)
19 Recant (5)
20 The positive electrode (5)
21 Very old (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: E EQUALS D**

DP TPAFPSYH TZ ZTCVBU D GFBBYQ QXY EYFZP'S SDWF XTZ FELIDSTYP SYY ZFHTYLZ-BU.

## Linemaro

(Close fist and give it to her) It's my breath from when you took it away (open palms)

## Mindchow

If you want others to be happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion

## Joke of the day

What the cop said to the midget who said that someone picked his pocket: I can't believe someone would stoop so low

## Loop

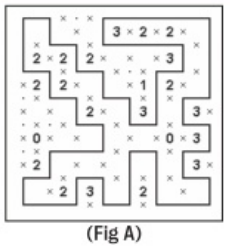
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

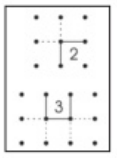
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

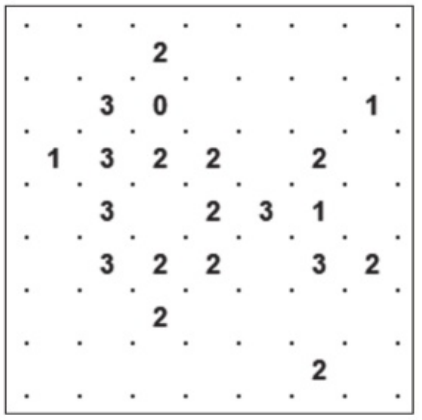
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



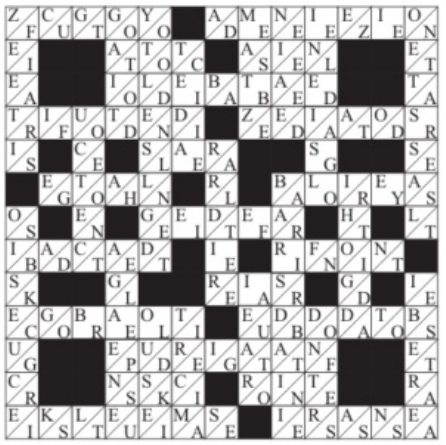
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



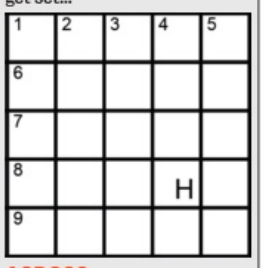
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

1 At vas; 6 Barre; 7 Edgar; 8 Thy IC; 9 Usual

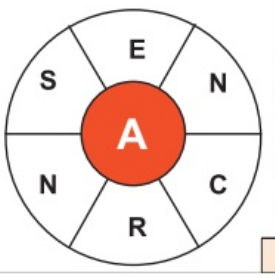
**DOWN**

1 A girl; 2 True V; 3 Caaba; 4 Had us; 5 St rye

## Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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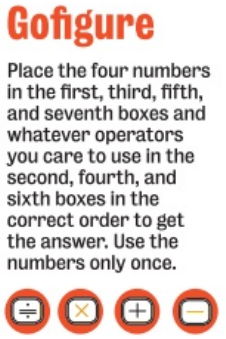
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

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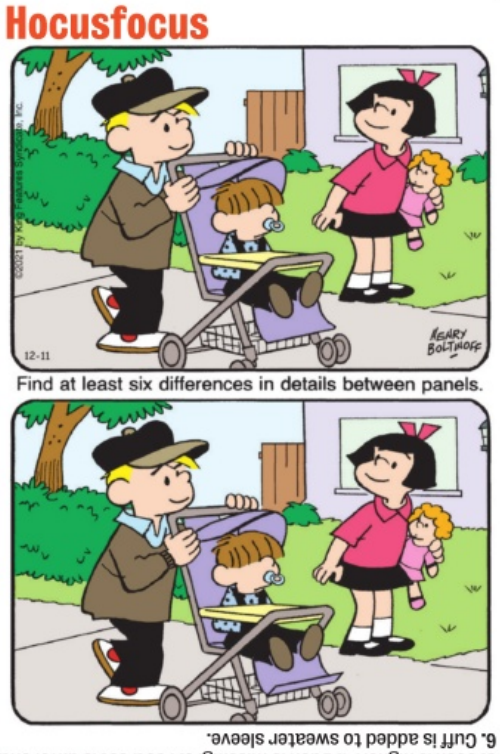


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

**Differences: 1.** Fence is not as wide. **2.** Doll's leg is longer. **3.** Sock is higher. **4.** Bush is missing. **5.** Footrest is different. **6.** Cuff is added to sweater sleeve.

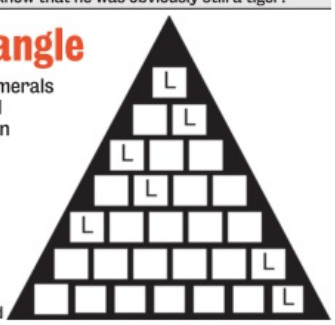
## Riddler

Once, there was a lovesick tiger who fell in love with a lovely lioness. However, her pride rejected him, and they were not allowed to be together because he was different. Heart sickness and grief caused the lovely lioness to lose all of her fur. Even though it was a sad sight, the tiger was overjoyed! Now he would shave off all of his fur. Then he could pretend to be a large lion and be with his beloved. Unfortunately, they did not get to live happily ever after! His plan failed. Even with his fur gone, everyone could tell he was a tiger. Ignoring any obvious size differences, how did the pride know that he was obviously still a tiger?

## Alpha triangle

1 Fifty in Roman numerals
2 Aluminium symbol
3 Resinous secretion
4 Scottish kinsmen
5 Jousting need
6 Abolish
7 Cover up

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.





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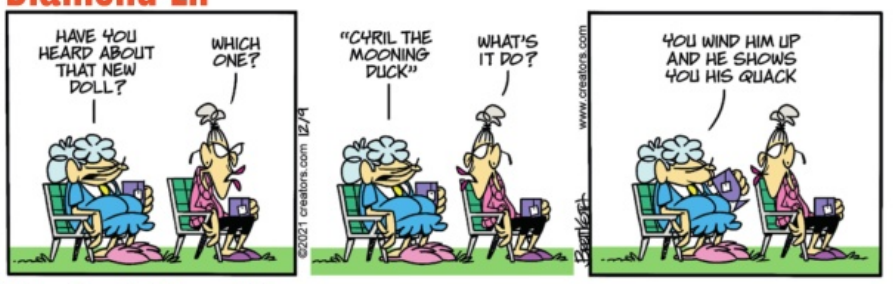



## Hart of the city

## Crankshaft

## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a positive day for you. You may get success from your hard work on the professional front. You may have good focus and may complete your work before time, which can improve your self confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to get some inherited assets. You may perform with patience on the work front, which may increase your efficiency. You may be polite with people around you. You may put less effort in daily work. You may use your communication skills to get new business in terms of progress on the work front.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment at work and domestic life. Parents' health is now fine. You may hear some good news from your siblings.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel unhappy. Some old health issues may arise, which may make you impatient. You may spend your hard-earned money buying worthless stuff. You are advised to control your short-temper nature. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics, otherwise there might be some conflict in the relationship.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are likely to enjoy your domestic and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in completing your work smoothly. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Natives who are in a job may get promotions.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy on the work front. With the help of elders' blessings, you are likely to implement some new innovations in the work. You may be ethical and follow rules in your dealing with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and inner strength.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be satisfied with your responsibilities at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace and positivity. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dull; it is advised to keep your mind cool. It's a golden rule for you to think twice before acting. You may travel to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure trip. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success. You may also be attracted to the occult.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel good; family harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person to get some benefits on the work front. You may perform well in your job; you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property may settle down.

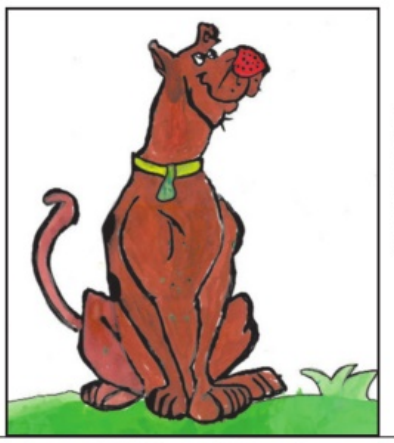
**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may find yourself in a self analysis state, which will bring some confidence within you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear, you may get success to achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve and you will take interest in artefacts, movies, glamour and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you, it may make you disappointed. Today, you may have self exploration and self analysis, which may allow filtering yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be able to prepare to accept challenges.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel some negativity around you, which may make you upset. You may find your responsibilities as a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects may delay; it affects your professional life. You are advised to take advice from your elders or consultant, before making any important decision.

## KIDZONE

Rituparna, 12 Years, Bangalore Public School



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# SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
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**BULL'S EYE**
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**FAST FIVE**

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**RIDDLER**
Tigers have striped skin as well as striped fur

**STRIKE OUT**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
16. Moving clockwise, around alternate segments in the chain, one sequence decreases by 1, 2, 3 and 4 each time, while the other increases by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
An inventor is simply a fellow who doesn't take his education too seriously.

**SUDOKU**

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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
L, Al, Lac, Clan, Lance, Cancel, Conceal.

**LOOP**

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
7 x 5 + 2 + 1 = 38
Medium
2 + 4 / 3 + 9 = 11
Hard
3 x 3 x 2 – 8 = 10

**KAKURO**

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MUBI, the theatrical distributor and global curated film streaming service, will release Ryusuke Hamaguchi's critically acclaimed film, 'Drive My Car', which has landed four Oscar nominations, exclusively in India

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# A precious part

## Meet celebs who have insured or copyrighted their body parts

The glamour industry is all about looks and appearances and it is not surprising that celebrities are quite possessive when it comes to their body and face. So much so that they have put a price on it. Yes, you read that right! From Hollywood star Jennifer Lopez to international singing sensation Rihanna to our desi diva Priyanka Chopra, here are celebrities who have either insured or copyrighted their body parts for a whopping amount!

### Priyanka Chopra

Apart from her acting chops, Bollywood's 'Desi Girl' Priyanka Chopra is also known for her gorgeous looks and ever enchanting smile. According to reports, PeeCee has got copyright to her naturally pouty smile. If anyone ever tries to surgically get a smile like hers, they would have to pay a hefty amount to the actress. Now, that truly is a million-dollar smile, isn't it?

### Amitabh Bachchan

Amitabh Bachchan's deep baritone voice is one of the things that sets him apart from others in Bollywood. He undoubtedly has the most recognised voice in the industry. The megastar, however, learnt the true value of his voice when it was misused to promote gutka. Taking to his Twitter handle, he had written, 'This is unethical and has painted me in a bad light. For someone who does not smoke or propagates smoking, it is disgusting to find someone conflagrating the law of the land.' That's when Big B copyrighted his voice so that no one can copy his voice.

### Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer Lopez is one of the most popular superstars in Hollywood. The actress, who has been blessed with a gorgeous body, has always embraced her curves graciously. The diva has reportedly insured her butt for a whopping amount. However, JLo has not confirmed the reports.

### John Abraham

John Abraham made many go weak in the knees with his ripped body and a sneak peek at his butt in 'Dostana'. Many insurance companies in India had approached the actor to insure his assets for a whopping Rs 10 crore. In an interview with a news portal, John had called it a work in progress and had stated that he was meeting various people for that.

### Rihanna

Rihanna commands a huge fan following across the globe. The gorgeous diva was presented with the 'Celebrity Legs of a Goddess' award. It was reportedly after this that the singer promptly got her limbs insured for a million. However, she has reportedly kept quiet about it. —ETimes

# Salman's fitness mantras

Salman Khan has always been a fitness enthusiast. The actor has one of the best bodies in the business. He is also often seen undergoing physical transformations to suit his on-screen characters.

Salman's fitness expert Rakesh Udiyar recently spilled the beans on the superstar's fitness routine in an interview with a news portal. He revealed that Salman does cardio every day, without fail and he developed the habit at a young age when he was also a national-level swimmer.

Udiyar further told Mid Day that the superstar starts his day with an hour-long session before moving on to weight training. The actor also walks long distances in his farms and also takes hiking sessions that last for two hours. Revealing further about the restriction the actor faces due to his health conditions, Udiyar stated that Salman is a conscious lifter. He moved from lifting heavy weights to moderate ones.

Rakesh also went on to reveal that Salman focuses on volume sets, which implies that he performs

10-12 variations of exercises, executing five sets of each, and performing 20 reps. The trainer also remembered how painful that phase was for the actor. As they focused on cardio, during 'Dabangg', Salman, Sonakshi Sinha and others would walk from Wai to Panchgani.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Salman will next be seen in 'Tiger 3'. The film is directed by Maneesh Sharma and also stars Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi in lead roles.

Apart from this, he also has films like, 'Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali' with Pooja Hegde and 'Kick 2' co-starring Jacqueline Fernandez." —ETimes

# Sara's Atrangi Re mementoes

In every actor's career, there comes a film for which he or she gets recognised. Such was Aanand L Rai directorial 'Atrangi Re' for Sara Ali Khan, who garnered immense appreciation for her phenomenal performance as Rinku in the rom-com.

Sara herself has termed the movie as one of her memorable ones in various interviews. The 26-year-old is so attached to the film that she has kept the green saree and the OM neckless from her hit party song 'Chaka Chak' as a memory with herself.

A source has revealed that "Sara is so connected with the character and the film that she kept the green 'Chaka Chak' saree and the OM neckless which she wore in the famous 'Chaka Chak' song, with herself."

"She is emotionally attached to all those things and gets teary-eyed whenever she sees them. Whenever she looks down to these elements, she goes down the memory lane from the sets of 'Atrangi Re' reminding her about her lessons learned while shooting, the time spent with her co-actors, and the director Anand L Rai," the

source added.

'Atrangi Re' was released on December 24, 2021, on Disney+ Hotstar. —ANI

# Amol Palekar in hospital with Covid, condition stable

Bollywood's Everyman of the 1970s, veteran actor and director Amol Palekar, known for Hindi classics such as 'Rajnigandha', 'Chitchor' and 'Gol Maal', has been admitted to the Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital here because of covid-19.

The 77-year-old actor's condition is said to be stable. Palekar has also worked and contributed to Marathi mainstream films and parallel cinema, made his debut in 1971 with the film 'Shantata! Court Chalu Aahe'. He then stepped into Bollywood with Basu Bhattacharya's 'Rajnigandha' opposite Rakhee in 1974. He is popular for starring in "middle-class family comedies" such as 'Gol Maal' and 'Naram Garam', and was in films such as 'Gharonda' and 'Bhumika'. —IANS